

Jealousy from the reports of the State Treasurer the approaching Legislature will have a financial problem to wrestle with that will take up considerable of its time.

The mineral resources of Texas are almost unbounded and are but little developed. Her mineral lands are estimated at 20,000,000 acres and this vast area of wealth includes silver, iron, coal, lead and other minerals.

This Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle celebrated its one hundredth birthday by issuing an enlarged edition. It is in a more prosperous condition than ever and it is interesting to note the improvement steadily made during its life of usefulness.

SENATOR BECK'S speech on the silver question will probably open the eyes of some officials in high place as to the cause of the present "hard times." His speech should be read by every laboring man. It shows pretty conclusively that the much-favored bond-holder is behind the present crisis against silver.

The "oldest resident" of Pike County, Pa., doesn't remember a time when bears were so numerous as they now are in that locality. They have become so plentiful that hunters have but little trouble in finding one almost any day. A big bruin, so the story goes, actually entered a village up there recently and was shot down in the streets.

The suspension of silver coinage will hardly be accomplished by the present Congress. The South and the West come up almost solid against the suspension, and the Eastern and Middle States strongly favor it. The estimates give 143 Democrats and 52 Republicans in the House who oppose the suspension, and 39 Democrats and 91 Republicans who favor it.

This annual report of the Secretary of the Mason County Building and Saving Association has been received and will appear in to-morrow's issue. The Association was never in a more prosperous condition. At the election last Saturday night the old officers and directors were all re-elected for the coming year. They are all leading business men and their names are a sufficient guarantee that the affairs of the Association will be well managed.

WALTER HARTMAN, senator from South Carolina, evidently believes that members of the Senate and House were elected for some other purpose than to run round and solicit offices for their constituents, and for this reason he has introduced a bill making it a penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, for any person to solicit or recommend, directly or indirectly, the appointment of any person to an office under the Government. His brother S. Hartman is a man of the hill as a joke, but he, Walter, is in his own statement, never was more in earnest.

"There is not an out-and-out obligation of the United States, nor of any State, municipality, corporation, or individual, to do or not do legally and honestly discharged by the present standard and silver dollar. What right has Congress to deprive the debtor of that right by adding more silver to the coin than he agreed to pay, or by stopping its coinage so that he can not obtain it? It is as palpable a violation of a contract to increase the obligation of the debtor as it is to impair or relieve the standard value of the coin which the creditor stipulated in his contract should be paid to him. When Congress has once decided among and negotiated the value thereof, and contracts are based up on it, the right to pay according to its terms can not be rightfully or justly be taken from the people, and Senators and Representatives who deprive them of that right will have unpleasant explanations to make to the men whose burdens are increased by their votes."—[Extract from Senator Beck's speech on the silver question.]

The annual report of the Eastern Kentucky Lamentic Asylum for the year ending September 30, 1885, has been received. It shows a deficit in the Treasury of \$8,324.23 which, with the deficit for the year 1884 makes the total deficit at the present time \$11,922.33. "The Institution seems to be getting deeper in debt every year, but from what cause the report also shows that there were 554 patients in the asylum at the beginning of the year; 102 were discharged, leaving 555 under treatment, which is 40 more than the legal capacity of the Institution.

CHRISTMAS IN LONDON.

THE OLDEST SHOPKEEPER REMEMBERS NO BETTER BUY BESS.

The Usual Good Cheer Prevailed With Fantomies and Parties—At Bury Lane—Editorial—Parrell and Titmouse—Michael Davitt—Notes.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—It is the general opinion among those who take the process of Christmas season has been the most profitable one they have experienced for many years. The sale of articles of luxury has been greater than ever before, and there has been apparently no less money even among the poorest classes. Railway traffic during the last fortnight has been very much increased, and the number of provincial purchasers visiting the metropolis has increased to the point of saturation. A season within the recollection of the oldest shopkeeper.

The weather was foggy and sultry, but in spite of the unfavorable conditions the streets were thronged, the churches crowded and the usual Christmas good cheer prevailed. With one or two exceptions the Christmas pantomimes opened. That they were all a success goes without saying as the rollicking fun of the boys and pantomimes, the adventures and barbed escapades of Harlequin and Columbine, and the mechanical tricks and gorgeous scenery are ever welcome to the not too critical audience that look forward from year to year to the enjoyment of their favorite theatrical entertainment.

The opening of the Drury Lane theater has taken place. A grand dress rehearsal was given which, except in name, was in every respect a public performance. For an hour was a brilliant one and many professional and artistic celebrities occupied boxes or seats in the parquette or dress circles. The pantomime was received with every manifestation of approval and will undoubtedly draw crowded houses until the managers see fit to withdraw.

At the clubs and other political centers there was absolute stagnation. Nobody wanted to talk politics and a very little conversation concerning the latest feelings or intentions of the various political leaders was obtainable. Mr. Parrell is as thoroughly satisfied that Mr. Gladstone intends to push through the next parliament his measures for Home Rule in Ireland that he no longer seems himself with party intrigues or shows any interest in the rivalry of his opponents.

Michael Davitt's position continues to mystify the opponents of Home Rule and many prominent Liberals have expressed concern as to his future course. His calculations as to when he is to be expected to become demonstrative is puzzling, and his unusual urbanity and his care to vote every opportunity to amuse himself in perfect accord with the policy and wishes of Mr. Parrell have excited a general suspicion that definite portions of complete Home Rule have been given to both Mr. Parrell and Mr. Davitt are equally willing to see the promises fulfilled. Should absolute Home Rule in fact actually be given to Ireland no one could say it would be immediately utilized as a lever to widen the breach and ultimately secure entire independence. Indeed it is said that Mr. Davitt in conversation with a prominent Radical last year insisted that a separate parliament for Ireland should be immediately established at Dublin and further declared that he desired to see to it that the organization of the Irish should be maintained, with a view of giving the country for the first time a united front, which was sure to come.

DROPPING IRELAND.

PARRELL, Dec. 28.—Premier M. De Bleson is not a man to be trifled with by his opponents, and his resignation is believed to be imminent.

A CRASH OF ARRANGEMENT.

DUNDEE, Dec. 28.—The Rev. Mr. Gordon, minister of the Scotch Episcopal Church, is dead.

CHRISTMAS HOOTING.

Two Brothers Undertake to Run a Town and are Disabled.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—A telegram from King City, Missouri, gives an account of an amusing incident which occurred at Union Star, a village, seven miles from that place. P. M. Miller, marshal of the town, attempted to arrest two men named Hayter, who were engaged in a quarrel in the streets. The Hayters resisted arrest, and swore that the whole town would not take them. They mounted the horses and proceeded to raid the town in a series of raids, and the whole town, flourishing their revolvers in a threatening manner. The marshal watched his chance and fired a shot, and the Hayters fled through the town, leaving a trail of blood and dropping him from his horse. He then secured a drop on the other Hayter before he could fire. Miller brought the second man from his horse wounded in the leg. Great excitement prevailed in the little town during the evening and Christmas festivities, which had been previously arranged, were entirely suspended. The Hayters friends from the country, rushed in and threatened bloodshed and avowed their intention of having the life of the marshal, but the citizens took the side of the marshal and prevented them from carrying out their threats.

THE WRANGLING POLES.

The Church Members Make Another Outbreak—Hailed by the Police.

DENVER, Dec. 28.—Another outbreak among the Polish parishioners of St. Albert Catholic church, occurred shortly after morning mass. More than 4,000 people, over one-third of the congregation, were gathered outside the church discussing the report that Bishop Borgos had promised to be present, open the church, and settle all the troubles by giving back to the people their old pastor, Father Kolinski. The bishop did not appear, and the vast crowd marched to his residence. A committee was selected to notify him of the congregation's desire, but the inmates refused to admit the bishop. The bishop, who was occupied by the rear of his house. When the people learned of the bishop's flight, they became violent, and in a threatening manner proceeded to St. Joseph's church, where they supposed the priests were hidden. The police appeared at that moment, followed by a number of delegates from St. Mary's. The latter joined their friends and proceeded down the street to the church. When St. Joseph's was reached a rush was made for the door but it was found locked.

A large man, with a commanding voice, suddenly appeared among the people, and the Polish tongue sounded quiet. About half of the crowd proceeded homeward while the others returned to St. Albert's church, where at a clock a great mob made a sudden and savage attack upon the edifice. A large detail of police reinforcing the officers at the church, they resisted the assault and dispersed the rioters. The mob again gathered at the house of Basil Lemke, on St. Auburn avenue, Lemke at the beginning of the church trouble, owned the adherents of Father Kolinski, and his house was fiercely attacked.

Men and women commingled and fought indiscriminately, detachment swooped down on the mob, and the patrol wagons were soon loaded with prisoners. A large number of the police were seriously hurt. Some of the mob had pistols and attempted to make a stand. John Ludowski, one of the principal rioters, was shot dead. The sight of the police and the killing of Ludowski subdued the mob and it was again broken up by the police. It is feared that the rioting will be renewed.

A large crowd assembled about the St. Albert's Catholic church, but dispersed without doing any damage.

Murder of His Wife.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The King, living at 239 Colgate street, brutally murdered his wife. During a quarrel he picked up a chair and beat out the brains of the unfortunate woman. Before his arrest could be effected King fled from the house. The neighbors saw they saw him lurking in the vicinity. King is about 40 years of age, five feet eight inches in height, dark hair, clean shaven, and wore a dark coat.

Labor Troubles.

DROON, Ill., Dec. 28.—The drivers employed in the St. John's coal mines here are on a strike for shorter hours. The men are working eleven and a half hours for a day's work, and think it too much for the pay they receive, and have threatened that their hours of labor be lessened. In consequence the miners are idle. The company has very little coal on hand, and the strike places them in a very tight place. It is generally supposed that the company will at once shorten the drivers' hours or put in new men, but can not well afford to let the works lie idle.

"The Old Bulletin" Tree.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 28.—Alice Sampson, aged 91, an unmarried compositrix in the office of the Free Press, was crushed to death by a large Elm tree that was blown down in a heavy northeast gale. The tree was over one hundred years old and much decayed. It stood near the postoffice and has long been known as "the old bulletin" tree, having for many years been used to post notices upon.

Rev. Sam Jones.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—All arrangements are being made for the great revival of Trinity M. E. church, which is to begin in two weeks, and will be led by Rev. Sam Jones, of San Francisco. Almost the whole interest is manifested in the coming meetings, and there is every indication of at least thousands of people at the crowded pentecost camp. Both the revivals are now resting in their Georgia homes.

Fatal Fire.

ITZINGHO, Dec. 28.—A fire completely destroyed the station of John Haller, on Butler street. While engaged in removing furniture from two second floor, the flames cut off all means of exit by the stairway, and Mr. Haller was fatally injured by jumping from the window. Loss on property about \$5,000; insurance, \$250.

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